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Belief Statements (internal operations- beliefs to drive decisions):

- **LIFELONG LEARNERS:** We believe in the value of education for all ages.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** We believe we are accountable for our actions and outcomes.
- **COMMUNITY CENTERED:** We believe our schools are the central hub of our community and essential for building strong communities.
- **ADAPTABLE:** We believe in being responsive to an ever-changing world.
- **RESPECTFUL:** We believe in everyone's right to safety, respect, and dignity in our schools.
- **DIVERSE:** We believe in fostering the value of each other's individual differences, perspectives, and life experiences.
- **STUDENT FOCUSED:** We believe that we are all responsible for the success of students.

Goals

1. **STUDENT SUCCESS:** Provide all students with the education they need for success: academically, emotionally, and socially.
2. **EFFECTIVE STAFFING:** Hire, maintain, train and support staff to be as effective as possible.
3. **FINANCE:** Be financially healthy and sustainable.
4. **FACILITIES:** Have facilities that are safe, modern and conducive to 21st century education.
5. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Engage with parents, community members and business owners.

Superintendent's Report to the School Board

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Porter

January 5, 2026

Meeting Agenda Item Notes

Organizational Meeting Items: The 'First Monday Meeting in January' is the annual, required meeting for numerous approvals and assignments by the Board – including election of officers, legal designations and more. This also includes Committee Assignments. Below are the current/2025 Committee Assignments for your reference. The Board Chair technically makes these assignments. Please consider if you would like any changes in your assignments.

Teacher Negotiations/Meet and Confer: Pringle, Maki, Baer;

Transportation and Support Staff Handbooks: Kreidermacher, Daley, Miller

Principal Negotiations: Daley, Kreidermacher, Pasche;

Superintendent Negotiations: Maki, Miller

District Staff Development: Maki (Alt: Miller)

Finance Committee: Baer, Pringle, Kreidermacher

Community Engagement Committee: Maki, Daley, Pasche

HVED Board Representative: Daley

CmEd and Early Childhood Advisory: Pasche

District Policy Review: Baer (Alt: Miller)

Health & Safety/Wellness: Daley (Alt: Pringle)

Systems Accountability: Baer (Kreidermacher)

Activities: Kreidermacher, Miller.

Construction Renovation Advisory: Pringle, Miller Kreidermacher

The Consent Agenda will not include Financial Reports because the meeting is earlier than typical in the month and so there is not time to do the necessary preparations from the December 2025 financials. The Consent Agenda does include approving a modification to the Master Agreement approved in December. This is due to a clerical error in the Schedule B tables.

Bid Acceptance: Gary Lovitz, Project Manager from InGensa, Inc. will present information about their recommendations for bid acceptance for the renovation work to be completed summer of 2026. Julie and I met with Gary and Luke and discussed the construction budget in detail. We are each comfortable recommending the bids (see the attachment) as well as all alternatives that were proposed. This will still leave the district with a very comfortable level of funds for contingencies and the replacement of the B-gym floor the summer of 2027. Replacing the B-Gym bleachers is not in the current budget, pending how the rest of the budget goes. This decision will be made in the fall of 2026.

Additional Updates

Much of the January 2nd staff development day will once again include PK-12 curriculum discussions regarding our vertical scope and sequence in regards to MN standards and other topics. On February 17th, one half of the day will be focused on Artificial Intelligence.

Enrollment

Grade Level	May 29, 2025	Sept 4, 2025	October 6, 2025	November 1, 2025	December 1, 2025	January 5, 2026
Kdg	38	29	28	28	28	28
1st	26	39	38	38	39	39
2 nd	36	28	28	28	28	28
3 rd	38	36	36	36	36	36
4 th	25	41	41	41	41	40
5 th	39	29	28	28	28	27
6 th	38	44	44	44	44	43
7 th	38	36	36	36	35	36
8 th	37	39	39	39	39	38
9 th	55	45	45	45	44	44
10 th	58	55	54	53	52	52
11 th	48	58	58	58	58	58
12 th	56	48	48	48	48	48
Total	532	527	523	523	520	517

Equity is important in all of our decision making.

